

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listing, and all prior versions, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A car body including:

an underframe formed of a first hollow member and a side structure formed of a second hollow member, which are welded together at two positions; and

the exterior side of said first hollow member, of said underframe, and the exterior side of said second hollow member, of said side structure, are friction stir welded; and, whereby said underframe and said side structure are friction stir welded to each other at a friction stir welded joint portion,

[[a]] wherein the friction stir welded joint portion exists on a line extended either from of an extension of an interior-side surface plate of said first hollow member or from a connecting plate that connects two surface plates of said hollow member.

2. (New) The car body according to claim 1, wherein inner surface plates of the first and second hollow members are welded to each other at the interior side of the car body, by a fillet weld.

3. (New) The car body according to claim 2, wherein said fillet weld is a weld formed by arc welding.

4. (New) The car body according to claim 1, wherein said side structure is substantially orthogonal to said underframe.

5. (New) A car body including:

an underframe formed of a first hollow member and a side structure formed of a second hollow member, which are welded together at two positions; and

the exterior side of said first hollow member, of said underframe, and the exterior side of said second hollow member, of said side structure, are friction stir welded, whereby said underframe and said side structure are friction stir welded to each other at a friction stir welded joint portion,

wherein the friction stir welded joint portion exists on a line of an extension of a connecting plate, which is substantially orthogonal to inner and outer surface plates of said second hollow member and connects the inner and outer surface plates of the second hollow member.

6. (New) The car body according to claim 5, wherein inner surface plates of the first and second hollow members are welded to each other at the interior side of the car body, by a fillet weld.

7. (New) The car body according to claim 6, wherein said fillet weld is a weld formed by arc welding.

8. (New) The car body according to claim 5, wherein said side structure is substantially orthogonal to said underframe.

9. (New) A car body including:

an underframe formed of a first hollow member and a side structure formed of a second hollow member, which are welded together,

wherein the exterior side of said first hollow member, of said underframe, and the exterior side of said second hollow member, of said side structure, are friction stir welded to each other, whereby said underframe and said side structure are friction stir welded to each other.

10. (New) The car body according to claim 9, wherein said side structure is substantially orthogonal to said underframe.

11. (New) The car body according to claim 9, wherein the interior side of said first hollow member, of said underframe, and the interior side of said second hollow member, of said side structure, are welded to each other by a fillet weld.

12. (New) The car body according to claim 11, wherein said fillet weld is a weld formed by arc welding.

13. (New) The car body according to claim 9, wherein said second hollow member includes a connecting plate, between an exterior surface plate of the second hollow member and an interior surface plate of the second hollow member, extending to the friction stir welding of the exterior side of said first hollow member and the exterior side of said second hollow member.

14. (New) The car body according to claim 13, wherein said connecting plate extends substantially orthogonally to the exterior and the interior surface plates of the second hollow member.

15. (New) The car body according to claim 9, wherein said first hollow member includes an interior surface, the interior surface of the first hollow member extending to the friction stir welding of the exterior side of said first hollow member and the exterior side of said second hollow member.

16. (New) A car body including:
an underframe formed of a first hollow member and a side structure formed of a second hollow member, which are welded together at two positions respectively of interior and exterior sides of the car body;

the exterior side of said first hollow member of said underframe and the exterior side of said second hollow member of said side structure are friction stir welded, whereby the underframe and the side structure are friction stir welded to each other; and

a joint portion exists on a line of an extension of the interior surface plate of the second hollow member and an interior surface plate of the first hollow member.